

*William Bell to John Gray Blount*PHILADELPHIA May 4<sup>th</sup> 1793J G Blount Esq<sup>r</sup>

Dear Sir

Your letter dated the 11<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> last came to hand a few days ago—I am much disapointed in finding Samuel Gaults affairs under your care unclosed after so many years standing<sup>49</sup>—I desired all the small accounts should be put into the hands of Some Majestrate and those in which a Majestrate could not act to be put into the hands of an attorney to be recovered from those who did not pay—there has been a Sufficient time to recover from all those able to pay and those not able to pay we must loose and the acct<sup>s</sup>. closed—you say in the Course of the Winter you expect to close the Business—I hope you have done it and that I shall soon receive a Statement and close the business—I will thank you to write me on receipt of this letter for I am verry anxious to have the Business finished [2] and must fall on some method to get an end put to it your Ob<sup>t</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>.

WILLIAM BELL

Addressed: John Gray Blount Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Washington

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*John Kennedy, Junior, to John Gray Blount*<sup>50</sup>May the 6<sup>th</sup>. 1793.

Dear Sir,

That all dissensions and animosities relative to elections, may be repress'ed, and not as hitherto prevail among us (and as M<sup>r</sup>. [Richard] Blackledge offers for a Senator) the mature consideration whereof, influences me to communicate early in-

<sup>49</sup>Merchants living in other states often called on customers and other business friends to handle delinquent cases for them. The Blounts were assigned numerous transactions of this type.

<sup>50</sup>Blount and Kennedy were bitter political opponents. The election did not proceed very peacefully. John Gray Blount, "On the day of the election," decided that his candidates, Bryan Blount and Charles Crawford would not be elected, so he declared himself a candidate instead of Bryan Blount. As the election progressed "a general battle ensued and the House of Commons box was destroyed." Each side blamed the other, but the reporter of the incident concluded that "Rum and the Devil accomplished it." (*Norib Carolina Journal*, September 4, November 27, 1793.) In spite of the riot, John Gray Blount was elected. Certificate of election. Legislative Papers, house of commons, December 20, 1793. See copies of accounts, pages 647-649, below.